

III. REMARKS

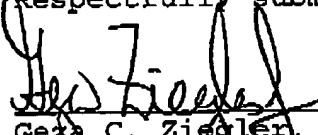
Claims 17 and 34 are amended to recite "at least one of a tone frequency and a tone duration" in place of "the tone frequency and/or duration." This change, which is similar to the language of the allowed claims, should place the claims 17 and 34, and the claims that depend therefrom, in a condition for allowance. As noted earlier, Gershkovich does not disclose or suggest this feature, and thus claims 17-19 and 34-35 are not anticipated.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 1-7, 9-16, 20-26, 28-33 and 36-41.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of \$950 for a three-month extension of time as well as any fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1350.

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